

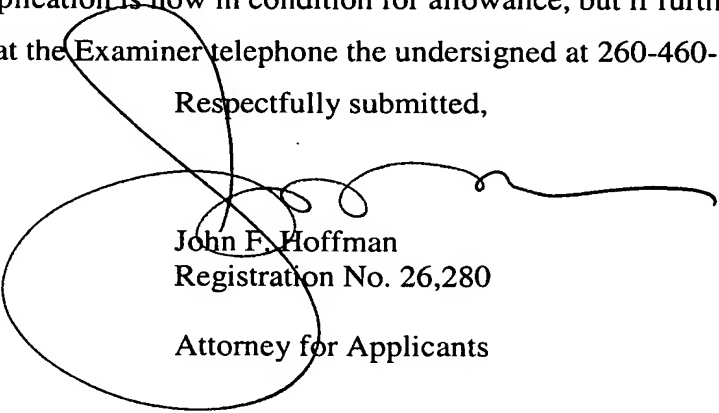
Application Serial No. 10/070,784  
Amendment dated January 7, 2005  
Reply to Office Action dated October 18, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, allowable Claims 2, 6-9 and 15-20 have been amended to place them in independent form or dependent on an allowable independent claim.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, but if further issues remain, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1692.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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